



# City of Norfolk

Department of Recreation, Parks and Open Space

ATTENTION:  
ALL ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS/COACHES/PLAYERS/SPECTATORS

**\*\*FINAL WARNING\*\***

This letter is to remind you that public consumption of alcohol in City parks is prohibited. Consumption of intoxicating beverages by team/league participants and/or spectators may lead to criminal charges; as well as team and/or individual suspension(s). Our City parks are family-oriented parks and alcohol is prohibited (please see City Code below).

**Sec. 25.2-46. - Possession or consumption of intoxicating beverages.**

*It shall be unlawful for any person to bring, possess or drink upon the premises of any park, any alcoholic beverage of any kind at any time. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).*

*(Ord. No. 39,590, § 4, 5-18-99)*

We have had several citizen complaints about the consumption of alcohol during league/tournament play. The Department of Recreation, Parks & Open Space and the Norfolk Police Department have committed to increase checks and/or patrols so as to strictly enforce this policy/law.

Our league rules specifically state that there is **NO CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** allowed on City property and *"any player or team caught drinking alcohol on City property will be automatically suspended for two games. The second offense will result in an entire season suspension."*

These rules are created to protect the safety of all players, coaches, umpires and spectators before, during and after games. It is imperative that this policy is followed and enforced and that everyone understands there is a "zero tolerance" policy when it comes to drinking alcohol in City parks.

We wish you the best of luck in your season and trust that you will pass this information on to your players, coaches and spectators to ensure a safe and positive league in the City of Norfolk.

Sincerely,

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